

Student Policy Committee (SPC)

SPC Meeting 10.20.2021

Members (attendance): Christine Broadbridge (departed early); Barbara Cook (arrived later); Kate Marsland (departed early); Matt Ouimet (arrived later); Wesley O'Brien; Maria Diamantis and Kyle Mashia-Thaxton.
Michael Dodge (unable to attend)
Guest: Alicia Carroll

The meeting was conducted without quorum, thus, informal discussion on data gathered by Alicia was shared. The data was on Pass/Fail policy for last year due to COVID and how other local institutions used P/F or Pass/No Pass or reverting to gained grade prior to P/F final determination. Some departments can't waive or allow P/F due to prerequisite requirements. A C- or below in Graduate level was marked as F. Reverting to the awarded grade if the grade is higher than expected. Fears and concerns that lack of midterm grades made students anxious, thus, pursue the P/F avenue. And last question was who needs to sign off on such application for P/F? Notification or sign off from Advisors? A few items to continue to review. Follow up report on number of first/second year students pursuing it and what about other populations, such as transfer students.

During discussion, concerns were raised about midterm grades – are they required? Why is high number of faculty (or is it not) who do not report midterm grades? How can this be resolved and have higher faculty participation to enter midterm grades?
Could the Midterm Grades be required?
Midterm Grades can serve as information/advising for the Late Course Withdrawal process
Late Withdrawal process has no due process for the students.

Discussions ended at 2 pm.